

1. (amended) A time studies chronometer with a changeable display wherein:
 - (a) for each task of a plurality of observed tasks, the display presents a plurality of ~~icons, each icon comprising a pictorial representation of a generic task description and each icon being a selectable~~ options to describe the task, and
 - (b) the chronometer accepts input from a user to select one of said ~~task description options~~ ~~icons~~ for to characterize the task.
2. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 1.
3. (original) The data carrier of claim 2 wherein the data carrier is a memory device.
4. (original) The data carrier of claim 2 wherein the data carrier is an electronic signal.
5. (cancelled)
6. (cancelled)
7. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein one of the ~~options~~ ~~icons~~ represents an unknown task and selection of this ~~option~~ ~~icon~~ by the user allows the user to enter a textual description of the task.
8. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 7.
9. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein the ~~option~~ ~~descriptions~~ ~~icons~~ are loaded into a memory of the chronometer by copying from an external memory coupled to the chronometer.
10. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 9.
11. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein the ~~options~~ ~~icons~~ are

presented on a touch screen and the input from a user is accepted from the touch screen.

12. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 11.

13. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 wherein data sets collected for each of a plurality of tasks which all have the same generic ~~task description~~selected icon are associated together by the shared ~~task description icon~~ for subsequent processing together.

14. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 13.

15. (amended) The chronometer of claim 1 ~~wherein, further comprising means for time data, the subsequent processing of collected time data includes one or more of by~~ computing at least one of the range, distribution, standard deviation, mean, or median.

16. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 15.

17. (amended) A data carrier containing a plurality of icons, each icon comprising a pictorial representation of a generic task description and each icon being suitable for selection options to describe/identify a task to be observed in a time study, for copying into a time studies chronometer with a changeable display for presenting the options icons on the display.

18. (original) The data carrier of claim 17 wherein the data carrier is a memory device.

19. (original) The data carrier of claim 17 wherein the data carrier is an electronic signal.

20. (cancelled)

21. (original) A time studies chronometer with a changeable display wherein:

(a) for each of a plurality of tasks to be observed, the display presents a

plurality of generic task characterization ~~options~~ icons, ~~each icon comprising a pictorial representation of a characterization of a task and each icon being suitable for selection~~ to characterize a task, and

(b) the chronometer accepts input from a user to select one of said task characterization ~~options~~ icons.

22. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 21.

23. (cancelled)

24. (cancelled)

25. (original) The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the presented ~~options~~ icons include a characterization of value added or no value added.

26. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 25.

27. (amended) The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the presented ~~options~~ icons include a characterization of a method of inspection wherein the ~~options~~ icons comprise representations of sight, touch, and device.

28. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 27.

29. (amended) The chronometer of claim 21 wherein the optional characterization icons are loaded into a memory of the chronometer by copying from an external memory coupled to the chronometer.

30. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 29.

31. (amended) The chronometer of claim 21 wherein data sets collected for each of a plurality of tasks which all received the same characterization icon are associated together by the characterization icon for subsequent processing together.

32. (original) A data carrier containing a computer program which, when run on a

general purpose computer, causes the computer to be the chronometer of claim 31.

Claims 33 – 94 (canceled)